

SHOCK news yesterday from Wycombe Wanderers F.C., following the death of club chairman Jack Smethurst is that both the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer have resigned.

New club chairman is Reg Williams, who acted as deputy chairman during the protracted illness of Mr. Smethurst.

Mr. Williams, 59, joined the club as a player in 1937 and spent six seasons as first team goalkeeper, one of them as captain of the side. He joined the committee in 1951 and was a member of the selection committee until it was dis-

banded seven years ago.

The news was released yesterday following a committee meeting on Wednesday evening. It is understood that Roger Lee, treasurer, and Tony Mahoney, who took over as secretary only a few months ago, were not present — they had tendered their resignations on Tuesday, after the F.A. Cup victory over Croydon.

The resignations are due to differences on club policy and to a clash of personalities.

New appointments have been made immediately — John Goldsworthy taking

over as secretary and Alf Ward as treasurer. Mr. Goldsworthy, 55, has been with the club for nine years and handled the announcements at the ground. Mr. Ward, 49, has spent two years on the committee and has been a vice-president of the club for many years.

Roger Lee, was treasurer of the club for eight years, having joined Wycombe Wanderers 16 years ago. Tony Mahoney was appointed general secretary at the club's annual general meeting in July.



REG WILLIAMS
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